

WASHINGTON, D. C. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1912.

Society

No Place for Rip Van Winkle

NOW that the middle of October is here, society in the National Capital is taking a new lease on enjoyment. The White House is in winter trim, awaiting the arrival of the President and Mrs. Taft, who will spend a few days in Washington before going to Hot Springs, Va., for the autumn. And the members of the President's official family are busy removing linen covers and moth balls from their furniture in preparation of a gay social season.

The Secretary of State and Mrs. Knox, who have been in Japan and the far West, will reach Washington to-day and open their residence in K Street. The Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Wilson returned some weeks ago, and their hospitable home is already open for the winter.

The Secretary of War and Mrs. Stimson, who have been traveling in the West, are back in the city. The Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Robert Shaw Oliver have also put their house in order for the winter.

The Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. von L. Meyer, accompanied by their daughters, the Misses Meyer, have opened their residence in Scott Circle, having spent the summer in New England.

The Secretary of Agriculture and his daughter, Miss Flora Wilson, are in Washington for the winter.

The Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. MacVeagh are at present at their country estate in Dublin, N. H. They expect to return to Washington November 1.

The Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Fisher are at present in California, and will probably reach this city the end of this month.

The Attorney General and Mrs. Wickersham, after spending the last two weeks in New York, have returned, and are in their residence in Sixteenth Street.

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor and Mrs. Nagel came to Washington some weeks ago, as did Postmaster General Frank Hitchcock, who has made numerous trips to and from New York. He has gone to his home to register, and will return to Washington to-morrow.

The dean of the Diplomatic Corps, the Ambassador of France, M. Jusserand, accompanied by Mme. Jusserand, has arrived in Washington. They spent the summer in Europe.

The British Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce have also opened the British Embassy in Connecticut Avenue. They left Washington last spring and made a visit to Australia, returning to America a few weeks ago, and spent September in New England, omitting their usual trip to their own country.

The German Ambassador and Countess von Bernstorff, who have spent the summer at their home in Munich, arrived in New York to-day. They will come direct to Washington.

The Russian Ambassador and Mme. Bakmeteff were among the first members of the Diplomatic Corps to close their summer residence and return to Washington. Owing to the death of Mme. Bakmeteff's sister, Mrs. John R. McLean, they will take little part in the winter's gayeties, only attending official functions.

The Ambassador of Brazil, who has opened his residence in Sixteenth Street, gave a dinner last Monday in honor of Count and Countess Candido Mendes de Almeida, and a brilliant reception was given that same night by the Washington Chamber of Commerce and the director general of the Pan-American Union, Hon. John Barrett, in honor of the delegates to the Congress of Chambers of Commerce, which brought together all the distinguished diplomats then in Washington.

The Turkish Ambassador and his son and daughter-in-law, the Second Secretary of the Embassy and Mme. Ibrahim Zia Bey, have returned from Manchester, Mass., where they spent the summer, and are established at the embassy in Connecticut Avenue.

The Minister of Spain and Mme. de Riano, who spent the summer traveling in Spain, France, and Denmark, arrived in Washington on Thursday, and are busy moving their larder and penates to the new residence in Sixteenth Street, recently built by Mrs. John Henderson, which they have leased for the winter.

The Minister of Norway and Mme. Bryn have returned to Washington, having spent the summer abroad. The Minister from Sweden and Mme. Eken-gren arrived at the legation here a week ago, and the Minister of Siam is also here. He will be joined later on by his wife, Princess Traidos Prabhadi, who is at present in Europe.

The newly appointed Minister of Panama, M. Ramon Valdes, will arrive in Washington October 25.

The Charge d'Affaires of Persia and Mme. Ali Kuli Khan have leased the residence of Mrs. William Preston Gibson at Leesburg, Va., for the winter months.

The new Army and Navy Club is the mecca for society now. It is the first club in Washington to allow ladies to attend dinners and supper parties;

and the handsomely decorated rooms of the new clubhouse are a fitting background for the beautifully gowned women of the Capital. On balmy nights the roof garden is always crowded with members of the club and their fair guests.

Not alone is activity beginning in fashionable circles, but also in the business centers which supply society with its needs. And in this twentieth century the fashionable woman need not go outside of her own set to get her wants supplied. The mantle of the daughters of Martha has fallen on the shapely shoulders of the daughters of Mary.

Miss Jessie Benton Fremont, daughter of the late Rear Admiral John C. Fremont, U. S. N., has, like her famous grandfather, "The Pathfinder," become a pioneer. Last year she opened a "mending shop" and dressmaking establishment in Nineteenth Street. With unabated enthusiasm and perseverance she has blazed a path to success in her chosen work.

Mrs. N. Theodore Wilson, another member of Washington's exclusive residential circle, has other ambitions besides social ones. She has taken up interior decorating, and will open her studio in Seventeenth Street to-morrow. Last year Mrs. Wilson was with Miss A. M. Swift, and under her skillful guidance was taught the practical side of her profession. She has made an exhaustive study of interior decoration, spending the last four months traveling in Europe as a member of Mr. Frank Parson's class. Under his personal charge they visited every city of note, going to famous palaces, castles, museums, and old curiosity shops. They also studied architecture, as well as the decorations, tapestry, and furniture which mark each period of history.

If her health permits, Mrs. Horace Wylie will become Mrs. Wilson's partner, as she is much interested in her friend's undertaking. Mrs. Wilson is the wife of Mr. N. Theodore Wilson, and is a sister of Mr. Murray Cobb, of this city, and Mrs. Cornelius N. Bliss, of New York, and a niece of Mr. Arthur D. Addison, of Washington.

Mrs. Wilson has now five houses in New York, which she is busy decorating, and also orders from Washington millionaires; so, although the firm's doors are not yet open to the public, it is already on the road to financial success.

Wearily housekeepers and tired hostesses take notice: Carry all your troubles to the Bureau of Social Requirements—then drop in your easy chair and rest. If you need a butler; a wedding breakfast; or a dinner for twenty, instead of for two, served instant—send for Mrs. Peter Rathbone Labouisse and she will arrange every detail.

No one is more familiar with the requirements of social life than Mrs. Labouisse, belonging as she does to the well-known Townsend family of Long Island. Mrs. Labouisse was formerly Miss Isabel Townsend, and when very young married Mr. S. Osgood Pell, of New York. Some years later she divorced him, afterward marrying Mr. Peter R. Labouisse, a member of one of the old Creole families of New Orleans, and a nephew of the late Mrs. William Phelps Eno, of Washington and New York.

Mrs. Labouisse, who is devoted to hunting and is a noted horse woman, lived in Warrenton, Va., for nine years, where she kept open house on their large estate. Then she and her husband built a country home in the Green Spring Valley. She has spent the last year in Paris and London.

While the Washington branch came unheralded to this city, the Bureau of Social Requirements has been established in New York for the last fifteen years. It was originally started by Mrs. Ledyard Stevens, and for the last six years Mrs. Mary Hutton Pell has been president of the organization. Under her management it has broadened out, and she has conceived some remarkably original ideas for entertainments.

Col. Robert M. Thompson always employs the bureau to look after his house, and arrange his Japanese dinners, which are known to the world over.

The bureau had entire charge of the wedding of Miss Flournoy Adams Hopkins to Mr. Gilbert A. B. Elliott, son of Sir Arthur and Lady Elliott, of Stobs, Roxburghshire, England, last week at Southampton, Long Island, even to engaging the special train to carry the guests to and from New York. Both in coming and going sandwiches, bullion, hot coffee, and cocktails were served to the guests on the train. The decorations at the church and in the house, and the elaborate wedding breakfast were all under the direction of the bureau.

Another notable entertainment which Mrs. Pell and her assistants arranged was given by the United States Mortgage and Trust Company. Each of the forty directors present desired a souvenir of the occasion to take home, so the center of the table resembled a small village of perfectly made, tiny wooden dwellings lighted by electricity, each an exact facsimile of houses on which the different directors had raised mortgages.

Mrs. Pell's sister, Miss Beatrice G. Ecclesine, will spend the winter with Mrs. Labouisse at her residence, 2129 Le Roy Place, and will assist her in managing the Bureau of Social Requirements.

The wedding of Miss Mary Laura Byrne, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Charles E. Byrne, and Lieut. Bethel Wood Simpson, Third Field Artillery, will take place to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, 2021 Q Street. Members of both families and a few intimate friends only will witness the ceremony, which will be performed by the Rev. Father Cooper, of St. Matthew's Church. A reception at Rauscher's will follow the ceremony at 9 o'clock. The bride will be attended by her mother, Miss Anna Byrne, as maid of honor, and her little cousin, Betty Byrne, will be her flower girl. Lieut. Charles Law and Black Lace, 8 1/2 to 2. 2.10 for 2.75 Tan and Black Lace; 11 to 2. 3.00 for 3.50 Calf Blucher; 11 to 2. Boys' Tan Play Shoes; almost indestructible. 8 1/2 to 10 1/2. 2.25; 11 to 12 1/2. 2.50; 13 to 2. 2.75; 2 1/2 to 7. 3.25. 3.25 for 4.00 Calf Blucher; 2 1/2 to 6. 4.00 for 4.50 Tan Blucher; 2 1/2 to 3 1/2. 4.50 for 5.00 Tan Blucher; 4 to 6. 4.00 for 5.00 Calf Blucher; 6 to 10. 4.50 for 5.00 Tan and Black English model; 6 to 10.

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COUNTESS VON BERNSTORFF.

Wife of the German Ambassador, who, with her husband, returns to Washington to-day.

1225 Maryland Avenue, and nephew of Dr. Thomas Chastard, of Washington. The wedding will take place in the spring.

Miss Whelan has been much admired and extensively entertained since making her debut two years ago. She is one of three very handsome sisters, the others being Miss Edith Whelan and Mrs. Philip R. Reese, Jr. Mr. Thomas A. Whelan, Jr., is a brother.

Dr. Chastard is a brother of Mrs. George Millenberger Brown, formerly Miss Mary Chastard, and of Mr. William Miles Chastard. He is one of the most prominent of the younger physicians and a member of several of the leading clubs, including the Bachelors' Cotillion.

Miss Maitland Marshall, daughter of Brig. Gen. William L. Marshall, U. S. A., retired, and Mrs. Marshall, will be bridesmaid at the wedding of her cousin, Miss Annie Keith Frazier, daughter of former Senator and Mrs. Frazier, of Tennessee, to Mr. Robert Somerville, of Chattanooga, which takes place November 29 in the home of the bride's parents in Chattanooga. Miss Frazier made her debut in Washington several seasons ago when her father was a member of the Senate.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lansburgh held a reception at their home Wednesday evening in honor of the engagement of their daughter, Miss Beatrice Lansburgh, to Mr. Leonard Wadsworth, of Baltimore. Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Weinburg and Mr. D. Rosenstein, of Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Kaufman, of Rhode Island Avenue, have returned to the city after spending several days with friends in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuhn have returned to their home in Belmont after a short visit to relatives in Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Westheimer and Miss Stoppacher, of New York, have returned to their homes after a short visit to friends in the city.

Mrs. C. Tanner, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Amaller, in Clifton Street, returned to her home on Wednesday.

Mrs. Robert Hitt and her son, Mr. William F. Hitt, have arrived in Washington and are at their residence in New Hampshire Avenue.

Mrs. Lloyd W. Bowers, who has opened her house in Rhode Island Avenue, has been joined by her daughter, Miss Martha Bowers. Mrs. Bowers and her daughter spent the early summer in Europe. Upon their return Miss Bowers visited in Chicago and went camping in Montana with Miss Taft's party for several weeks. Later she visited Miss Taft at the summer white house in Beverly, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Heid, of 907 I Street, will be home to-day after 7:30 o'clock in honor of the "Bar-Mitz-Pah" of their son Edwin.

Mr. William Thalheimer, of Richmond, Va., has returned to his home after a short visit to friends in the city.

Mrs. A. Cohen, of Detroit, who has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Steerman, of Woodley Park, returned home during the past week.

Mrs. Leo Steifel and her daughter, Miss Dorothy Steifel, are now residing in the Monticello apartment, in Mount Pleasant Street.

Maj. Gen. George L. Gilkapple, U. S. A., retired, and Mrs. Gilkapple returned to Washington yesterday and opened their residence in New Hampshire Avenue for the winter. They spent the summer traveling in Europe.

The marriage of Miss Alice Vandergrift and Mr. George Angus Garret, of Chicago, which will take place in Washington in January, will have a double interest to society, in that it will bring back to the city for the occasion Miss Esther Denny, daughter of Col. Frank L. Denny, U. S. M. C., and Mrs. Denny, who now live in San Francisco. Miss Denny, who will be a bridesmaid, formerly was known as the most popular girl in Washington. When she went to

San Francisco, two years ago, she left a host of friends here, who will give her a welcome in January.

Congratulations were showered upon Miss Frances W. Henry when her friends learned that she was engaged to Mr. Harvey Graham, the brother of Mrs. Jay Gould. The formal announcement will be made to-day, and the engagement is one of the most interesting of the autumn.

Miss Henry is the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard H. Henry, of 344 Lexington Avenue, New York, and Mr. Graham is the son of Mrs. Hubert Vos, of 15 West Sixty-seventh Street.

Miss Henry and Mr. Graham are prominent in the younger set in society. She was introduced a year ago and last season she took an active part in the entertainments of the Junior League. She appeared also in the musical comedies which were features of last winter and which her sister, Miss Grace R. Henry, assisted in composing and staging. She, with Misses Hazen Symington, Gwendolyn Cordon, Maud Kennedy, Florence L. Blair, Marjorie Blair, Erling Sibley, Helen Huntington, Helen L. Hunt, Elizabeth Carson and Elizabeth L. Turnure, also appeared in the tabasco which formed the second part of the programme of the annual entertainment of the Junior League in the Plaza Hotel on February 7 and 8. Her mother was one of the patronesses.

Mr. Graham was an usher for Mr. Jay Gould, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gould and brother of Lady Deedes and Mrs. Anthony Drexel, Jr., when he married Miss Annie D. Graham in St. Thomas Church on April 25, 1911. His mother is a member of a Hawaiian family, which reigned over that island before the last dynasty. He graduated from Yale University in 1906.

Mr. Alfred Haas, who spent several days in Richmond during the past week, has returned to the city.

Miss Marguerite Nussbaum is spending several weeks with friends in Baltimore.

Mr. Byron Wallenstein has returned from several weeks' visit to friends in New York.

Rear Admiral Joseph Hemphill, U. S. N., accompanied by his wife and daughter, has arrived in Washington. They spent the summer at North Hatley.

The Minister from Belgium, Mr. Emmanuel Havenith, has returned to Washington and opened the legation in Massachusetts Avenue for the winter. Mme.

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Havenith and their small son, Horace, will join him within the next few days.

Mrs. Alfred Bates closed her home in Windsor, Mass., yesterday and will be at the Maplewood, in Pittsfield, Mass., for a short time before coming to Washington.

Mrs. Robert Bacon, wife of the former American Ambassador to France, gave a dance last night at their country estate in Westbury, Long Island.

Mrs. Alexander Barker Thornton announces the engagement of her daughter, Mary Barker, to Mr. Andrew Adgate Lipscomb, Jr., the wedding to take place about the middle of November.

Mrs. Whitlside, widow of Gen. Whitlside, U. S. A., has returned to Washington and opened her apartment at Florence Court.

Miss Isabel Wells, who has been in Washington for the last two weeks, will spend the winter in Europe, and will sail on October 26.

Mrs. Alfred Taylor has arrived in the city and opened her house on O Street for the season.

Mrs. Leutze, wife of Rear Admiral Eugene Leutze, has leased a house on H Street for the winter, and she and her daughter will occupy it at the end of the month.

Miss Helene Hoffa and her uncle, Mr. I. Heideheimer, have returned from a tour of the West.

Mr. David Wolf and his sisters, Misses Adella and Hermine, are now residing at the Ashley, Nineteenth Street and California Avenue.

Miss Jennie Behrends, who spent several days in town with her friend, Miss Hyman, has returned to her home in Baltimore.

Midshipman George A. Andrews, of Michigan, has been named as editor in chief of the Lucky Bag, the annual publication of the Naval Academy student body, and Herman E. Kosker, of Kentucky, as business manager.

Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Stauffer, of Twenty-eighth Street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Katherine Stauffer, to Mr. Albert S. Walker, of New York.



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